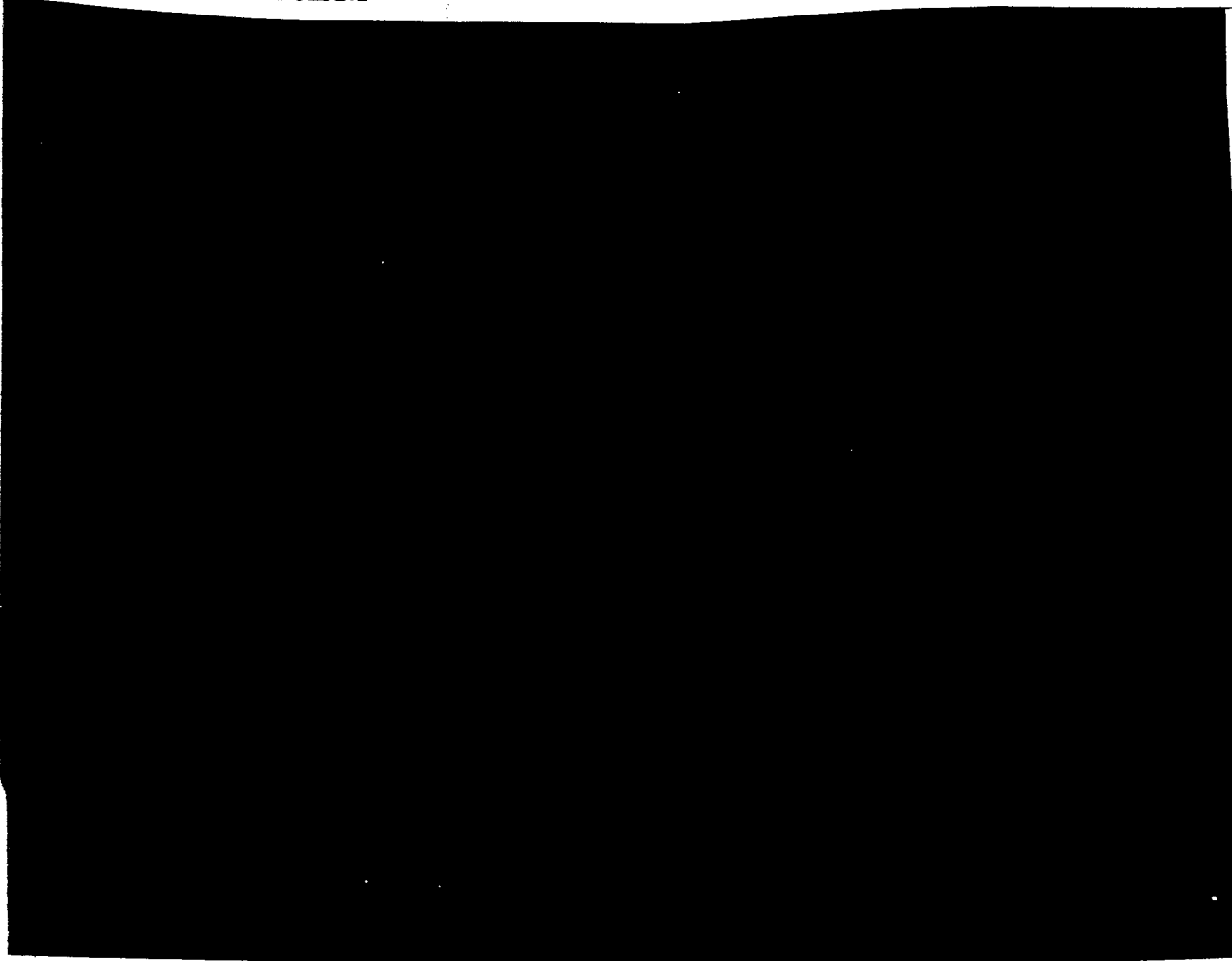


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port persistent rumors that there will be a nationwide
general strike on Monday, which might last the entire day.

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Leaders of the trade union "Solidarity," however, reportedly stated they are confident they have reached an agreement with the Warsaw court so that "Solidarity" will be registered and thereby legalized.

[redacted] the trade union leaders met with the court's judge yesterday. They said they had conceded on two points raised by the court but that the union will be allowed to operate on a national basis and its statutes will not contain any references to the supremacy of the Communist Party. If the union leaders and the court have reached a compromise, it is unlikely that "Solidarity" would call for a general strike.

Economic Developments

Polish leaders believe the Soviets would vehemently object to Polish bid to join the International Monetary Fund. [redacted] they think the Soviets would also oppose an application by Hungary, the other member of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance considered eager to join the IMF. Romania has been an IMF member since 1972.

The USSR is seeking greater unity among CEMA countries, a goal that IMF membership would supposedly subvert. Moscow's longstanding anti-IMF views are evidently intensifying even though the stabilizing impact of IMF membership on the economies of Poland and Hungary could work to Soviet advantage. Western governments, therefore, will face many obstacles in urging IMF membership on Poland as one step toward solving its economic problems and paving the way for reforms.

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